

Changing Communities

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Fun Facts

- The first skyscraper was built in Chicago, Illinois. It was only ten floors high!
- Ancient Egyptian writing is called hieroglyphics. There are over seven hundred different symbols in hieroglyphics.
- Long ago, some homes had roofs made of hay.

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This book is about how communities change over time. It shows how things were long ago and compares them to how they are today.



Vocabulary

community
neighborhood
electricity



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Long Ago

Long ago, many houses in the United States were made of wood. Some houses were smaller than those built today. Heat in a house usually came from a fire in a fireplace.

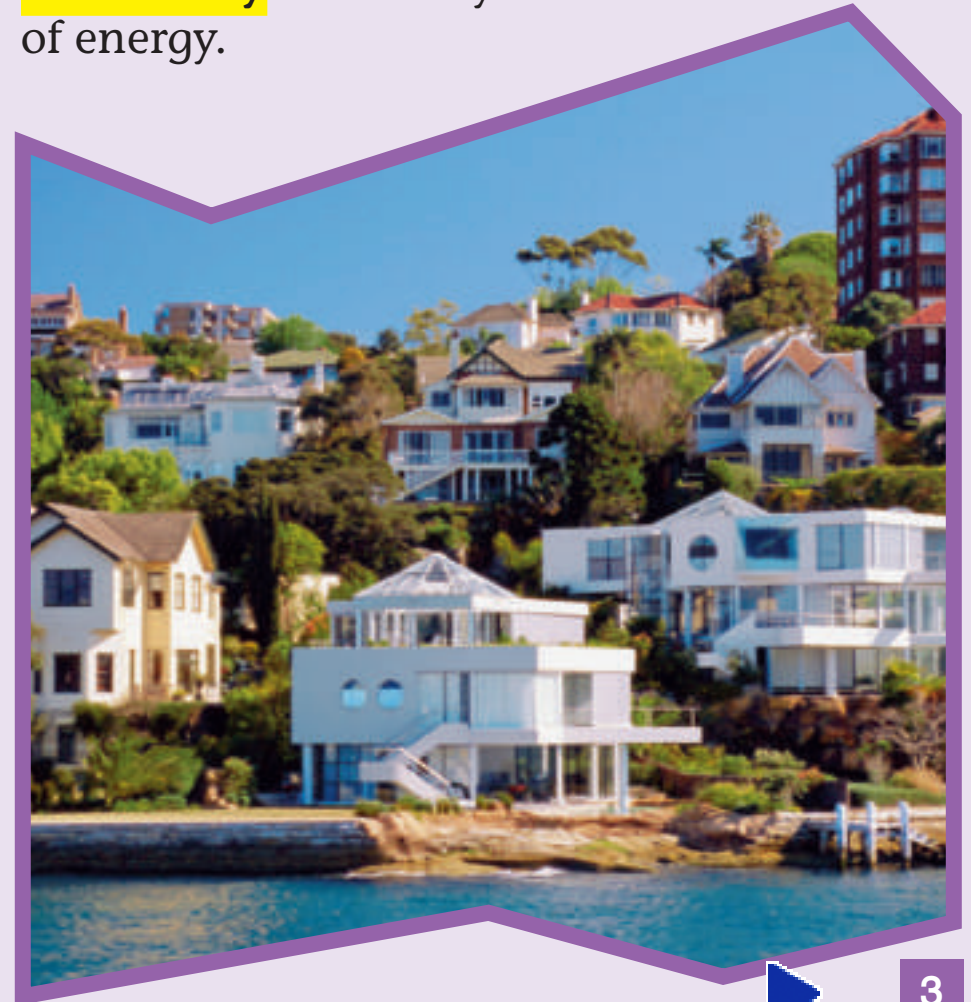
Over the years **communities** have changed. A community is a group of people. A **neighborhood** is where people live, work, and play.



Today

Today, wood is still used to build houses. Concrete, bricks, glass, and steel are also used. It takes lots of things to build a house.

Many homes in the United States now have heat, running water, and **electricity**. Electricity is a form of energy.





Long Ago

Long ago, many people wrote letters by hand using pen and paper. They sent these letters to family and friends who lived far away. It could take a long time for the letters to arrive.



Today

Today, we still send letters by mail. Lots and lots of people send e-mails too! Computers make it fast and easy to send e-mails to people who live far away.





Long Ago

Long ago, many people traveled on horseback. It took a long time to travel from place to place. The horses could not always move very fast. The horses sometimes pulled carts and carriages with people in them.



Today

Today, cars and buses often get us where we are going quickly. Roads and highways make it easy to travel to other places. New kinds of cars are always being made. These new cars might make travel even easier in years to come!



Glossary

community a group of people and the place where they live

electricity a form of energy

neighborhood a place where people live, work, and play



Write to It!

Think about what life might have been like long ago. Write three or four sentences about what you might have enjoyed and what you would miss.

Write your sentences on another sheet of paper.

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